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<u>Defendants Turner and Broxton Convicted</u> <u>in Burglary of Valdosta Main Post Office and Federal Building</u>

The United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, Maxwell Wood, announced that on April 5, 2005, defendants **Trelliny T. Turner** and **William L. Broxton**, were convicted in the United States District Court in Valdosta, Georgia, of the following charges related to the burglary and theft of mail from the Valdosta, Georgia, Main Post Office, which occurred on September 3, 2004.

Count One: Conspiracy to Steal U.S. Mail -18 U.S.C. § 1708 i/c/w 371. (Both defendants

convicted).

Count Two: Theft of United States Mail, 18, United States Code, Section 1708. (Both

Defendants convicted).

Count Three: Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property - 18 U.S.C. § 2314; (Both defendants

convicted).

Count Four: Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon - 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (William

Broxton convicted).

Count Five: Misleading Statements - 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) (William Broxton convicted).

Count Six: 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) - Misleading Statements (Trelliny Turner convicted).

Count Seven: Money Laundering - 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (Defendant Broxton convicted, Defendant

Turner acquitted).

Count Eight: Money Laundering - 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (Both Defendants convicted).

Count Nine: Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base - 21, U. S. C. § 841(a)(1) and

§ 841(b)(1)(C) (William Broxton convicted).

Count Ten: Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base - 21, U. S. C. § 841(a)(1) and § 841(b)(1)(C) (William Broxton convicted).

Defendant Turner was acquitted of one count in the indictment, Count Seven, money laundering.

The defendants are facing a maximum possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment, three years of supervised release and a \$250,000.00 fine.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia, Assistant United States Attorney Jim Crane, together with the United States Postal Inspection Service, Inspector Mike Iorio.

United States Attorney Maxwell Wood stated, "the investigation and prosecution of these individuals were the result of a diligent team effort on behalf of the Government and I am pleased with the jury's guilty verdict."

Defendant Turner was immediately taken into custody after the verdict. William L. Broxton has been in custody since September 30, 2004. Both defendants will remain in custody until the time of sentencing, expected to be in about 60-90 days. Robert L. Broxton, the third defendant charged in the indictment, remains at large.

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to Maxwell Wood, United States Attorney, attention Sue McKinney, Media Contact, United States Attorney's Office, (478) 621-2602.

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